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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR PORTER FROM MCCALL: APPLICATIONS NOT RECEIVED AL-
THOUGH WILLIAM TOLD ME FRIDAY THAT HE HAD SENT THEM OFF
SPECIAL DELIVERY. WE ARE CALLING HIM AGAIN TOMORROW, AND,
IF NOT RECEIVED BY THEN, MEL WILL SUGGEST THAT WILLIAM
COME TO WASHINGTON, STAY WITH HIM, AND WE WILL WALK THE
PAPERS THROUGH MARCH 10.

2. DOD/ISA INFORMS US THAT THE MEMCON OF THE AMBASSADOR'S
MEETING WITH THE JOINT CHIEFS WAS SENT DIRECTLY TO THE
AMBASSADOR DUE TO THE "SENSITIVE NATURE" OF THE DISCUSSION.
THE MEMCON OF THE MEETING WITH HAROLD BROWN IS IN THE FINAL
STAGES OF PREPARATION AND WILL BE SENT TO SOV SHORTLY, AND
WE WILL FORWARD IT TO YOU. ODDLY ENOUGH, NOTHING WAS SAID
ABOUT THE SENSITIVITY OF THAT ONE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A
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COPY OF THE JCS MEMO WHEN IT ARRIVES.

3. MRS. KREPS IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING POSTPONING HER TRIP
UNTIL JUNE, IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS. WE
ARE, OF COURSE, AWARE THAT CALIFANO IS ALSO TENTATIVELY
CONSIDERING A JUNE TRIP, AND WE WILL TRY TO MAKE SURE THEY
ARE NOT IN MOSCOW AT THE SAME TIME.

4. THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO NAZAROV IN STATE 57472 ON BUSINESS FACILITATION WERE, IN FACT, MADE BY ZONOVYEV.

5. MARINE CARGO INSURANCE. STR HEARING WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH TODAY AND A CABLE ON SAME IS IN THE WORKS. FAIN, PEPPERELL, AND JOHN RICKER SPOKE FOR THE AIMU AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSURANCE BROKERS' ASSOCIATION ALSO SPOKE IN ITS BEHALF. ART DOWNEY WAS AMONG THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE. NO SOVIETS WERE DISCERNED AMONG THE THIRTY-ODD PEOPLE PRESENT, BUT THERE WAS SPECULATION THAT DOWNEY MIGHT BE REPRESENTING THEM.

6. I ALONG WITH OTHERS READ WITH INTEREST YOUR 3761. IT WAS USEFUL IN SEVERAL REGARDS, INCLUDING THE ARGUMENTATION FOR CONTINUING CONTACTS. THE ATMOSPHERE HERE IS UNUSUAL AT THE MOMENT. PUBLIC RHETORIC NOTWITHSTANDING, COOL HEADS SEEM TO BE PREVAILING ACROSS THE BOARD. KREPS'S TENTATIVE DECISION CAME FROM HER DESIRE NOT TO LATER BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF BEING USED, RATHER THAN ANY DECISION HERE TO SEND SIGNALS AT THIS TIME. DEVELOPMENTS SEEM TO BE FLOWING APPROXIMATELY AS ANTICIPATED AT THE AMBASSADOR'S FRIDAY AFTERNOON MEETING; ALTHOUGH THE TECHNICAL DETAILS ARE NOT BEING EASILY RESOLVED, A COMMUNICATION IS BEING DRAFTED WHICH WOULD BE INTENDED TO MOVE THINGS TOWARD HANDLING IT IN ACCORDANCE HISTORIC PRECEDENT
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